THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the Ministry of Industry, the M.R.T.P. Commission has instituted an enquiry under Section 36A, 36B(a) and 36D of the M.R.T.P. Act· 1969 in respect of the activities of M/s. Sheri Louise Slimming Centre Private Limited, Bombay. The enquiry is a sequel to the preliminary investigation conducted by the Additional Director General (Investigation) under Section 36C of the Act. From the investigation report, it appeared to the Commission:— 8

(i) that several patients who had undergone slimming course/programme developed serious complications showing that the said programme offered by the company was not free from injurious effects on the health of the patients;

(ii) that the representations made by the company through various advertisements as to the usefulness of the slimming course/programme, of its sponsorship, approval and affiliation, of benefits and its quality and standard were misleading or false;

(iii) that the company's claim about the efficacy or safety of the course/programme or treatment was not based on adequate or proper test; and

(iv) that the trade practices indulged in by the company for the promotion of its business interest caused loss or injury to the consumers.

Irrational Drug Combinations

3084. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Drugs Controller of India had banned irrational drug combinations some years ago;

(b) whether it is also a fact that spate of combinations Ethambutol and isoniazid combination under the trade mark 'Combinex 800' is being sold by M/s Lupin Laboratories in Maharashtra;

(c) whether clinical tests have been undertaken for these combinations; and

(d) whether before sale the drug commercialization was approved and whether Government propose to ban the above drug from the market and if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Commissioner Food & Drug Administration, Maharashtra has given permission to manufacture and market the combinations of Ethambutol and Isoniazid commercially after obtaining the opinion of the experts.

Affairs of M/s. Macknnon Mackenzie and Co. (Pvt.) Ltd.

3085. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that M/s. Macknnon Mackenzie & Co. (Pvt.) Ltd., New Delhi are involved in a big scandal in sea passages work;

(b) whether Government propose to examine the whole records of the Company to verify the facts thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Nothing adverse has come to notice of this Ministry.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.